

House Resolution No. 160

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge the accomplishments of Show-Me State residents who bring glory and honor to themselves and to this great state through the excellence of their endeavors; and

Whereas, Mary Rhodes Russell of Jefferson City has attained considerable distinction as an attorney and jurist who received two Bachelor's degrees summa cum laude in 1980 from Truman State University and a law degree in 1983 from the University of Missouri-Columbia; and

Whereas, a former law clerk at the Supreme Court of Missouri, Mary Russell subsequently entered the private practice of law in her hometown of Hannibal to become northeast Missouri's first female law partner in 1987; and

Whereas, in 1995 Mary Russell enjoyed appointment to the Missouri Court of Appeals, which she served as its chief judge from 1999 to 2000; and

Whereas, in September 2004, the Honorable Mary Russell received appointment to the Supreme Court of Missouri; and

Whereas, Judge Mary Russell is universally praised for her affability, common sense, collegiality, and commitment to community service; and

Whereas, Judge Mary Russell has served on the Truman State University Board of Governors, as an active member of Rotary Club, as a volunteer truancy court judge at a local middle school in Jefferson City, and as a mock court justice who meets with children, parents, and teachers each week in a successful effort to ensure regular school attendance by students; and

Whereas, at the opening of the Ninety-third Legislative Session, Judge Mary Russell administered the oath of office to the Honorable Carl Bearden, State Representative from the Sixteenth District, after his election as Speaker pro tem:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the achievements garnered thus far in the life and career of Judge Mary Russell and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued personal and professional success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Judge Mary Rhodes Russell of Jefferson City, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Carl Bearden
District No. 16

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 160, adopted January 19, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker